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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

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Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1020 hrs;
 80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
 2 meters FM (147.63/03 via W3QV/R) 0930 hrs.

IT SEEMS TO ME

April Fool! Since we were children we have heard, and spoken, those words. Unfortunately, limiting our foolishness to April seems to be wishful thinking, but at least we have one specific day to acknowledge and salute the fool in each of us.

April may well be the only month in the year in which we could celebrate All Fool's Day. It is the month when Spring really shows itself; Daylight Saving Time begins in April; we finally mail that hated tax form in April. Good things are coming, bad things are behind us and we can smile, be happy and enjoy.

April Fool!

de K3KUD

Ye Olde Ed will not be able to put the July BLURB together due to a major committment during the month of June. We need a Guest Editor whose courage far outreaches his good sense. Volunteer(s) please contact Ye Olde Ed.



Just to clear the air in the wake of the recent controversy about K3KUD's "It Seems To Me" column, in the February and March BLURBS. First, as I stated to people who called me about it, "It Seems To Me" is a signed editorial and reflects the views of the writer and not the club. Secondly, anyone can editorialize in the BLURB for the good of the Club.

I am deliberately trying to keep this month's Prez Sez short but I would at least like to personally thank Jake Kavalchek, AK2I, for his time and effort in running the code practice net. Jake is unable to continue with the net, and we are looking for a replacement. But until then, .--- .- -. . - -. --. ..-. . -. .- --.... -. .--- ---
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I'd like to nominate Dave, but....
This is a good club, but....
I don't care for the idea, but....
I'd go to meetings, but....
Newspapers ok, but....
Would accept nomination, but....
I'd volunteer to help, but....
Pretty good disaster plan, but....
That antenna might work, but....
I believe in spending money, but....
We need more policies, but....

Tampa Bay Repeater Assn.
via ARNS Bulleting

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR APRIL

April 1 All Fool's Day; Passover
April 4 Good Friday
April 6 Easter
April 7 General Meeting, Franklin Institute, 8:00 P.M.
April 16 Stag Nite (Midmonth Director's Meeting)
April 23 Secretaries Day (Be Nice To K3GBA)
April 27 Daylight Saving Time Begins
April 28 BLURB folding, W3BBB, 7:15 P.M.

MEETING REPORTS

February Director's Meeting: Held at the home of W3IRS on 13 February, the meeting opened with the reading of the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report.

Items of business discussed included activity on the repeater; possible loss of members due to non-payment of dues; and means of disposing of the ComBus.

There was also some discussion concerning legal aid which is available to hams and the recent approval of nuisance ordinances by municipalities, some of which could affect amateur operation.

Our thanks to Lou and Frenchy for their hospitality and for the excellent refreshments served to those present.

March General Meeting: Held on 3 March with 44 members and 17 visitors present. In addition to a reading of the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report, business discussed included reports on Stag Nite and the upcoming Penn Relay Marathon. A limited discussion of recent BLURB editorials was held after which W3VVS introduced our visitors.

The program for the evening was on the subject of Police Radio Dispatching and was presented by Officer R. Mercurio of the Philadelphia Police Department with an assist by Frank Cook, KB3CT, a Philmonter and until recently a Police Dispatcher. Officer Mercurio described how incoming calls are received and routed to the proper dispatching console by a computerized system, which then records response time and in service time for each unit. Frank discussed the actual handling, by the dispatcher, of police, fire and medical calls and offered some insight into the procedures in use to prevent delays in handling priority calls. Both Officer Mercurio and Frank answered many questions from the floor and the result was an informative and entertaining presentation.

At the conclusion of the meeting, W3PWG once again provided much appreciated refreshments.

TID-BITS

Larry, W3UY, is coordinating Philmont's participation in the Penn Relays Marathon, to be held on April 20. The marathon route will be from Franklin Field, through Fairmount Park and return to Franklin Field. Philmont has been requested to provide communications along the route and Larry would be glad to hear from you if you can help.

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Frenchy, W3IRS, asks that anyone having a secret stock of 811's or 811A's get in touch with him. Seems he has some ancient equipment which uses them.

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Stag Nite. Wednesday, April 16 at the Tankard Inn in Conshohocken. The cost will be about \$12.00 per person and on past experience this will be an excellent meal and a good time. The Director's Meeting will follow dinner and attendance is open to all. Contact Dick Klein, W3WXC for details and reservations.

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Interested in Alternate Sources of Energy? Join in the Florida Sun Net every Sunday at 2:30 P.M. on 14344 KHZ

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Congratulations to Charlie, W3ZPP and Millie and Jim, W3BBB and Elaine, all of whom managed to be vacationing in Florida during the recent cold snap. Maybe there really is no place like home!

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Randy Bynum, WB2SZK, a member of the Pack Rats is having serious legal difficulties with Winslow Township, N.J. as a result of alleged violations of several Nuisance Ordinances. The situation may well establish legal precedent which will affect all of us and it behooves us to support his fight to the best of our ability. Contributions will be gratefully accepted and should be made to: The Randy Bynum Defense Fund, c/o Harry B. Stein, W3CL, 2087 Parkdale Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038. (Make a notation on your check - The Randy Bynum Defense Fund).

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Name: Stephen C. Hoch, KA3AMO
Address: 1142 Overington St.
Phila., PA 19124
Wife: Ellen (no call)
Occupation: Salesman
Employer: Self-employed
Phone: (H) 533-1581
Sponsored by: N3ADI; WB3KOJ

Handle: Steve

Name: Robert Stephenson, W3KIF
Address: 690 Bryn Mawr Ave.
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010
Wife: Tiny, EX-ZS2LV
Occupation: Printer
Employer: Stephenson Brothers
Phone: (H) 525-2998 (B) 735-6353
Sponsored by: W3AWG; W3LKI

Handle: Bob

Name: Betty Ramona Dabagion, WB3KZF
Address: 429 Shetland Rd.
Darby, PA 19023
Husband: Dick, KA3EMS
Occupation: Housewife
Phone: (H) 583-8363
Sponsored by: WB3FPU; WB3HVE

Handle: Ramona

Action on the above applications will be taken at the April Director's Meeting.

SWAP AND SHOP

FOR SALE:

HW-202 (Transceiver) w/microphone
XTALS 16/76; 19/79; 34/94; 51/51; 63/03; 28/88; 03/63 (Philmont
Reverse)
HWH-202-1 Power Supply

Mint Condition \$125.00

Contact: Al Bubeck, K3GNM

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FOR SALE:

Kenwood Two Meter Transceiver TS700SP All Mode \$600.00

FOR SALE:

KLM Amplifier, 10 Watts in, 40 Watts out \$ 75.00

Contact: Vince, KA3BHX
(215) 634-7923

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FOR SALE: by Charles "Frenchy" Andrews W3IRS
441 Candlewood Rd., Broomall, PA 19008
(215) 356-9299

1. VOM, Simpson Model 260 with Test Leads and Carrying Strap.
Very good condition, original owner. \$30.00
2. Bendix small boat Direction Finder Model "Navigator 550"
Portable, Solid State, internal 12 VDC battery pack or external
12 VDC operation. Similar to Heath MR-1010 (1979-80 catalog)
but also has additional 1.5-4.2 MHz Marine band and 3 crystal
controlled channels. Excellent condition w/o Manual \$75.00
3. Portable, self-contained record player, Penncrest (J.C. Penney)
Model 5342. Automatic, Monaural, 16/33/45/78RPM, Good condition.
Has added jack for additional external speaker. Case leatherette
finish. (Daughter upgraded to "Stereo") \$10.00
4. Heathkit Balun (Inductor type) Model B-1. 4.1, 250W, (Bal-Unbal)
Very good condition \$5.00
5. Frequency Standard (clock) crystals, RCA Type CR-48/u,
1000 KHz (1 MHz), Hermetically Sealed HC-6/u holder, new \$1.50 ea.

In my February and March "It Seems To Me" I attempted to highlight what I felt were matters of concern to Philmont. If the result was misconstrued as being aimed at a particular group, I apologize for my lack of clarity. In amateur radio courtesy and involvement are not the sole province of either "old-timers" or "newcomers" and are certainly not determined by membership in a group, but rather by each individual by and for himself.

Following are several letters received by Ye Olde Ed, written by members who wish to (and should) be heard.

de K3KUD
(KAPP 2579)

Dear Bob:

It seems to me that the column "It Seems To Me" in our Blurb is being used by the editor to express his narrow sightedness and small minded opinion's regarding fellow club members, some of which I doubt if the editor knows by sight let alone personally.

As we all know freedom of speech is one of the foundation blocks of our democracy, however, over the past few months freedom of speech has turned into harrasment as it is quite obvious the KUD has built himself a soapbox and is now categorizing fellow club members who are not of the old guard or click, as being reckless big spenders with little or no feeling of fellowship or respect for the club and what it stands for.

Perhaps KUD thinks that some of our newer club members who have come up from the ranks of C.B. obtained their license at Sears, which I am sure our fellow member Joe Walsh would find ammusng to say the least.

With as many members as our club has, there are equally as many different degrees of participation. Amateur radio should be a means of relaxation and yes, even having fun.

The fact that the club has members, is a sign or indication whether it be conscience or subconscious, to be a participant and to belong.

If I wanted to meditate I would go to church and not listen to 63/03.

Perhaps this is KUD's problem, in that he feels that he and the repeater are above the general membership.

In a time when numerous other clubs are struggling to maintain membership, our editor is trying to discourage what few newcomer's we have away.

I respect KUD's right to express his feelings, but not always in pen and ink on a regular monthly basis.

73's,

Pat Marruchella
Pat Marruchella
WB3EKK

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Letter to the Editor K3KUD

As it seems to you, so do many things seem to me. I see that it is obvious that you do not think very much of CB'ers or X-CB'ers that invade the sanctimonious area of amateur radio. Your Feb. issue referred directly to CB'ers who do not care for anyone else on frequency, but rather, feel that the whole world awaits their utterance. You also are not interested in the types of conversations that you may hear between two people referring to what he had for dinner or was going to have, or what kind of shampoo they use.

As an X-CB'er, I would have recommended that if you don't like what you hear, turn it off or stick it in your ear. However, I have now been cleansed of all my past sins and have given up that filthy hobby and now at least on paper and according to the FCC, I am a full fledged member of the untouchable (HAM) fraternity. Now, since I don't want anyone to think that I'm not part of the human race, my recommendation would be for you to listen well to what goes on, on the repeater.

I have made a close study of this in recent weeks and though we newcomers do make some mistakes because of inexperience or misinformation, I believe that a lot of old timers (not all) very often flagrantly abuse the rules of the FCC and are downright discourteous to others on the repeater. Many of you don't ID properly, many of you come in on a break to make a call and just take over the frequency or you may ignore a breaking station for as much as five minutes or more. I've never seen (as you say) "SUCH PRIDE BUBBLES".

A person that comes up the ranks from CB is most often a better ham than the ones born with the silver license in their hand. We know what we had on CB. We got away from it for a reason, and we do appreciate what we have now. Someone like you who never had that experience can't really see that.

So before you call the kettle black make sure you look at your own ranks.

Your letter in the March issue seems to contradict your Feb. issue. Make up your mind so I can make up mine. I worked hard for my license, just like you did. In the second sentence in the second paragraph in your last issue you must have made a mistake. Maybe you should rephrase it.

There are several other suggestions I would recommend. One is that before you accept any more members into the club that the F.B.I. be told to do a more thorough investigation of the applicants. They forgot to fingerprint me when I applied.

My second recommendation is to open your eyes after all these years and see what you've been missing. Amateur radio is a hobby and is supposed to be fun not abusiness.

The goal of criticism is to leave the person with the feeling that he or she has been helped. In my opinion, your criticism has hurt.

I realize that you are entitled to your opinion and so am I. In summary, I don't like yours. "So later good buddy".

Mad, but respectfully Yours
Amateur Operator and X CB'er
WB3KAB

Bob DePaquale

To The Editor,

First of all let me say thanks to Bob K3KUD and his staff for the time and effort they give to the BLURB. I'm sure it seems like a thankless job at times.

Now in reference to the BLURB editorial of March, 1980. I find it disappointing that the K3KUD has chosen to use his position as editor to attack certain members of Philmont.

Since editorials are usually the opinion and policy of the publication they are in, I have to assume that this editorial is the consensus of opinion of the Board of Directors. If it's not that fact should be made clear.

I too am proud to be a ham, and I've worked hard to upgrade as all hams must do.

As for DX contacts I think its commendable that each contact is meaningful to a ham each in his own way long or short. I do think that a ham who ties up a rare DX station for a long period of time ragchewing while others are waiting to make a contact is inconsiderate, but I also defend his right to do so, that's only my opinion.

I can honestly say that joining Philmont did not take me to the pride bubble bursting point of my life. Those type of events for me were my wedding day and the births of each of my four children. However I am happy to be a member of Philmont.

When I filled out the membership application I stated that I would help where and when I could, so far I've been asked to do a couple of minor things, which I did.

At this point I suggest that if the Board feels that some members are not doing their bit, I would include in the membership application a statement that all members must perform some function in the club. For net control duties use the membership list as a schedule and each member with the proper equipment could take a turn.

If the Board feels that the repeater is not being used in accordance to club rules then say it plainly and clearly, don't beat around the bush. This can only cause hard feelings for all. Set guide lines for repeater use and if someone steps outside of the guides let them know directly but diplomatically, like a real ham should. Don't criticize new members simply because you don't like them.

The last sentence of the editorial seems to have said it all for K3KUD, he just doesn't like anyone who isn't his idea of a real ham. From his editorial I conclude this definition of Bob's real ham; a 20 year veteran who likes long QSOs on HF, rarely uses 2meters and who's highlight in life was joining Philmont, Doc Smith sorry you don't measure up.

In conclusion I think that as an editorial of the Blurb K3KUD was off base. As his personal opinion it was fine, and shows ~~in fact~~ that Bob may suffer from a curable case of narrowmindedness. Not my idea of a real ham.

Finally I'll leave you with the words from the Preamble of the by-laws of Philmont. Read it and ask yourself if you are a real Philmont.

PREAMBLE

Mindfull of the duties and obligations of the radio amateurs of our country, it's government and it's people, to further and to increase our enjoyment and proficiency in the hobby of our choosing, and to promote, nurture, and to create good fellowship among and between amateur radio operators, we associate ourselves for the purpose of forming a club for those amateur radio enthusiasts interested in mobile radio operation.

De WB3KAC

Mike Concordia

Mike Concordia

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE (W3IGW)

	(W3AWH) <u>80-meters*</u>	(W3GIF) <u>10-meters**</u>	(W3SRU) <u>2-meters</u>
<u>April</u>			
6	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3IGW
13	W3AOA	W3GIF	WB3CMM
20	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3SRU
27	AK2I	W3KDO	K3PHC
<u>MAY</u>			
<u>May</u>			
4	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3WXC
11	W3AOA	W3GIF	W3AWG
18	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3PST
25	AK2I	W3KDO	W3ZPP

75-meter SSB Net: 3993 KHz; 10:20-10:35 A.M. Net Controls as shown.

*80-meter CW Net: 3610 KHz; 10:30 A.M. Net Control N3WW; Alternates : W3RM; AK2I

**10-meter AM Net: 29.493 MHz; 10:00-10:15 A.M. Net Control K3GBA; Alternate K3HIE
10-meter SSB Net: 29.493 MHz; 10:15-10:30 A.M. Net Controls as shown.

2-meter FM Net: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R); 9:30-10:15 A.M. Net Controls as shown.

Club Calling Period: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R); Every Evening 7:00-7:05 P.M.

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